Life Sketch of

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cummings

Joseph William Cummings, son of John J. and Sophia Johnson Cummings, was born in Heber City, Utah, on June 6, 1874. As a boy, Joseph was in the cattle business with his father and loved to ride the range and round up the cattle in the fall. He was known as Joe to all who knew him.

Mary Ann Buys Cummings, daughter of Edward and Celestia Bromley Buys, was born January 17, 1875 in Buysville. This town is now known as Daniels, Utah.

On December 1, 1897, Joseph William Cummings married Mary Ann Buys in the Salt Lake City Latter-Day Saint Temple. Mary Ann had been his sweetheart for many years, and they had lived side by side and had grown up together. To this couple nine children were born. Eight of these children are still living. They are Joseph Buys, Wallace, Edward, Nola, Celestia, Sophia, Monroe, John Douglas, and Phyllis. They also reared two grandchildren, Joan and Brigham.

In 1903 Joe went into the butchering business. His was the first butcher shop in Wasatch County; later he sold it to Mr. Andrew Voyt. Then he went into the sheep business and was one of the leading sheepmen of Heber Valley.

Joe was a devoted husband and father. He loved children and outdoor sports, such as fishing and hunting; and his friends knew him as a kind and generous man, husband, and father.

He always took his wife and family with him in the summertime to the sheep herd. There they all enjoyed themselves very much and looked forward to this event every year.

Joe was always with his boys and loved to take them fishing and hunting whenever he went. He was unable to do this the last five years of his life.

Mary Ann was a devoted wife and mother. She was loved by everyone who knew her because she was a kind and generous person who always helped others when they were in need. She loved to have people come to her home.

This wonderful lady loved to work in the church and was very active in Relief Society. She was an excellent cook and housekeeper and was devoted to her children whom she loved very much.

Mary Ann died April 30, 1953. After she died, Joe was very lonely because they had always been together.

Joe died September 26, 1957. They are both buried in the Heber City Cemetery.